

# MARSHLAND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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## *Medical Officer's Report for 1898.*

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BIRTHS.—There were 297 births registered during the past year, giving a birth-rate of 26 per 1,000, and slightly exceeding the births registered in each of the two preceding years.

DEATHS.—The deaths registered in 1898 numbered 167, being less by 9 than the deaths in 1897, and giving a death-rate of 14·7 per 1,000 of the population.

INFANT MORTALITY.—Of the 167 deaths, 44 were of infants under one year of age, giving a death-rate of 26 per cent. of the general mortality, and 15 per cent. of the births registered.

MORTALITY OF THE AGED.—Of persons 65 years of age and upwards the deaths numbered 72, equal to a death-rate of 43 per cent. of the general mortality.

ZYMOTIC DISEASE.—The deaths attributable to this, the infectious class, numbered 19, giving a death rate of 11·3 per cent. of all the deaths, and were as follows :—Scarlatina 3, Diphtheria 7, Typhoid Fever 1, Erysipelas 1. Whooping Cough 3, Influenza 4.

CONSUMPTION caused 7 deaths ; all other Lung Diseases 36 ; Heart Disease 15 ; Cancer 7 ; and Atrophy 11.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.—79 cases were notified to me in the past year as follows :—Typhoid 4, Diphtheria 42, Scarlatina 24, Erysipelas 8, and Puerperal Fever 1. The great bulk of these cases were of a mild character, and occurred in the parishes of Upwell, Outwell, Nordelph, the two Terringtons, and Tilney St. Lawrence. In each case disinfectants, with the printed instructions for their use, were supplied, and the usual steps taken for checking the spread of the disease.


WORK DONE.—The Inspector has recorded 90 inspections, accompanied on several occasions by the Medical Officer of Health, resulting in the abatement of many nuisances. 6 new privies have been constructed, 34 dwellings provided with water, 8 certificates granted for the occupation of new houses, 2 knackers' premises certified for renewal of licences, two dairies registered, one order made upon owner for repair of premises, dairies and slaughter houses inspected at intervals.

With the exception of a few cases of Diphtheria at Upwell and Tilney St. Lawrence, the district was free from disease at the end of the year, and, generally, in a satisfactory state.

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*Medical Officer of Health.*

29th March, 1899.



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TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1898, in the Marshall and Rural Savitany District,  
classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities. (See note 4 on back of sheet.) (Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.) (a)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.								MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																							
	At all ages. (b)	Under 1 year. (c)	1 and under 5. (d)	5 and under 15. (e)	15 and under 25. (f)	25 and under 65. (g)	65 and upwards. (h)	(i)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
									Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.				Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	<i>Influenza</i> *	Injuries.
Walpole	27	5	1	1	1	7	12	Under 5 5 upwds.			1											1				1	6	5			4	5
Vernington	75	22	9	5	3	8	28	Under 5 5 upwds.		1	1										3	4								13	31	
								Under 5 5 upwds.			3			1					1											20	44	
Summitt	16	5	1	1	-	1	8	Under 5 5 upwds.		1											1					2			2	6	10	
								Under 5 5 upwds.																								
Shawell	49	12	5	1	3	4	24	Under 5 5 upwds.			2											1			5					10	17	
								Under 5 5 upwds.																								
								Under 5 5 upwds.																								
TOTALS	167	44	16	8	7	20	72	Under 5 5 upwds.		2	3			1				1			3	5	2			17	19	15	4	1	29	59
								Under 5 5 upwds.		1	4								1						7	19	15	4	1	53	108	

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. See Note 5 on back.

Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.								Under 5 5 upwds.																							
Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.								Under 5 5 upwds.																							

\* The heading of column 19 is left blank for the insertion of Influenza, or any other disease which it may be thought desirable to record.

NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

- NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each District Council.*
2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*
3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*
4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population ; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.

Area in Acres52132

Population (Last Census)11499

“( Estimated to middle of 1898 )

Death Rates. { General14.7 { per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1898.

{ Infant (under one year of age)148.14 { per 1,000 Births Registered.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

Edward C. Bury Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) 29 March, 1899.



# NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

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NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.

2. As stated in the heading of Col. (a), *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of Consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*